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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 26, 2021
Season of Christmastide

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.

SEEK AND PRAISE KING JESUS

PRELUDE: "He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child" Alice Jordan
"What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" Alice Jordan

Jill Peak, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Brad Morrow

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 182 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

Words: William C. Dix / Music: Conrad Kocher, William Henry Monk / Matthew 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last,
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

✦INVOCATION

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven" Kristyn and Keith Getty

Words and Music: Kristyn and Keith Getty

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven,
Born as a little baby under a wondrous star.
Like us, crying, He takes His first breath,
Held by His mother, helpless, close to her beating heart.
Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of dangers,
Come to turn me a stranger into a child of God.

Jesus, King of the highest heaven,
Learning to take His first steps, that He might bring us life.
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,
He showed the way to follow, a way that is true and right.
Jesus, take away every darkness, steady my simple footsteps
That I might in Your goodness live as a child of God.

Kate Witherington, Rainer Witherington, and Christy Young

✦PSALTER LESSON Select Verses from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF KING JESUS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ, You came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light
or trusted good news to be good.
We have failed to be Your agents of peace on earth.
We have resisted Your mighty rule in our lives.
We have been reluctant to glorify and praise You
for becoming God with us.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Titus 3:4-5

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.*

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OFFERTORY: "Fullness of Grace" Getty, Townend

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend; arr. Paul Campbell

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty: this is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory, humbly He entered our world,
Chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth,
Born in a stable cold and rejected: here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father shown in the face of Jesus,
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary Road.
Christ, the holy innocent, took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven, op'ning the floodgates of heav'n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God's gift in love to the world.

Christy Young, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Kendall Magaña
Campus Outreach Area Director

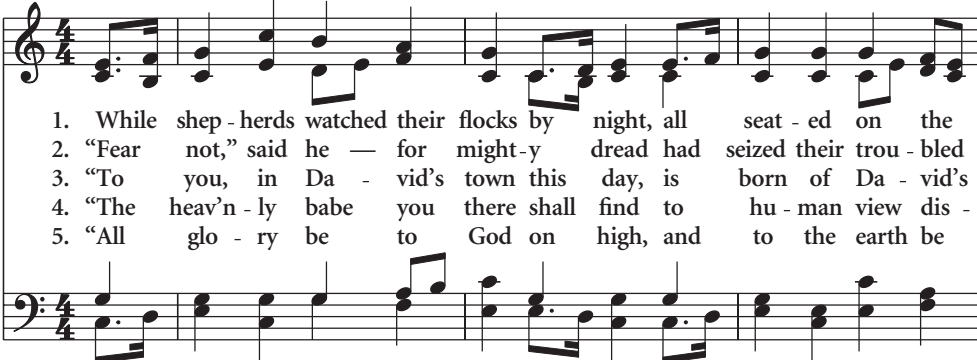
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✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

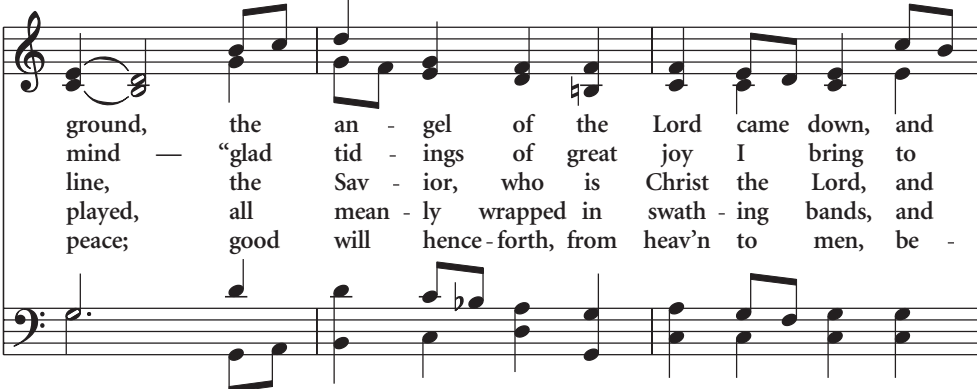
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 153 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" CHRISTMAS

Words: Nahum Tate / Music: G.F. Handel / Luke 2:8



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the
2. "Fear not," said he — for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of Da - vid's
4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis -
5. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be



ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and
mind — "glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to
line, the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and
played, all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and
peace; good will hence - forth, from heav'n to men, be -



glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
you and all man - kind, to you and all man - kind.
this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid.
gin and nev - er cease, be - gin and nev - er cease!"

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Luke 1:5-25
(page 855 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Jesus Seeks the Disappointed George Robertson

I. Remember God’s Providence

II. Obey Your Calling

III. Pray from Your Heart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

✦POSTLUDE: “From Heaven Above” Gordon Young

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Family Fellowship Hour: 9:30 This Morning!
All are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. today for Family Fellowship Hour, where we will enjoy coffee and scones. Note: Children’s and Adults’ Sunday School classes will not meet today, and the nursery is only open during the 8:15 a.m. service.

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Brandon and Sarah Terry on the birth of a daughter, *Hannah Corrie Terry*, December 13, 2021.

In the Hospital (as of 12/22/21):

Eva Miller, *Allen Morgan Rehab*
Rebecca Schmidt, *Baptist Rehab*
Marcia Dunlap, *Methodist Germantown*
Joan Morgan, *Baptist Memphis*
Paul Brown, *Baptist Memphis*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–The Youngs: The Youngs serve as Area Directors in Asia and are part of a church planting team in South Asia. They have recently participated in leadership meetings with a focus on strategic direction, particularly in their development of Regional Training Hubs. Two potential hubs will be in South Asia and Southeast Asia; they will partner field workers with seminaries in those regions to equip local church leaders who do not have adequate training. Pray for the Youngs' adjustment to their new city and for his full recovery from recent surgery. As other Asian countries open to visitors, pray they might be able to enjoy interaction with colleagues in person in their region. Pray also that the Lord will bless their efforts to develop relationships with Christians and those who may not know Jesus.

Domestic Missions–RUF at UTK: Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at University of Tennessee–Knoxville is a community of students seeking to love God and the people at UT. They do this by creating safe spaces for students of all types and backgrounds to process the story of Jesus and learn how to integrate their lives into His story. RUF praises God for bringing 130 students to their fall conference! In October, they celebrated 31 years of RUF at UTK. In the midst of these exciting moments, staff and students have often felt overwhelmed and fatigued this semester; pray for God to grant them endurance, a prayerful life, a faithful presence on campus, and peace.

2PC Ministry–Domestic Missions: The Domestic Missions department, led by Brian Lewis, Taylor Tollison, and Kevin Fukala, partners with a host of local ministries and nonprofits that serve in neighborhoods throughout Memphis. From community development corporations to youth outreach programs, to churches and Christian schools, to refugee and immigrant ministries to organizations serving those recovering from addiction, facing unplanned pregnancies, fleeing sex trafficking, or experiencing homelessness, Second is privileged to link arms with likeminded Christians across Memphis who are committed to seeking our city's flourishing together. Pray for God to grant fresh vision to our local ministry partners as they launch into the new year. Pray also for God to see to it that all our ministry partners begin the new year fully funded. Finally, pray that God would continue to raise up members of 2PC to actively serve alongside our ministry partners with excitement and joy.

Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP. Dan Burns

♣NO. 161: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING. MENDELSSOHN

Words: Charles Wesley, George Whitefield / Music: Felix Mendelssohn, William H. Cummings / Luke 2:13-14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!
4. Come, De - sire of Na-tions, come! Fix in us thy hum-ble home:

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.
rise, the wom - an's con-q'ring seed, bruise in us the ser-pent's head.

Joy - ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,
Ad - am's like-ness now ef - face, stamp thine im - age in its place:

with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.
sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, re - in - state us in thy love.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

◆INVOCATION

◆NO. 143: AWAY IN A MANGER. CRADLE SONG

Words: John Thomas McFarland / Music: William J. Kirkpatrick / Luke 2:7

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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♣NO. 166: INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY W ZLOBIE LEZY

Words and Music: Polish Carol; para. Edith M. G. Reed / Revelation 17:14

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing; shep - herds keep - ing vi - gil till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe, is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... I Peter 4:1-11
(page 1016 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Looking Backwards and ForwardsBrett Wynne

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦NO. 167: GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN GO TELL IT

Words: John W. Work, Jr. / Music: African American Spiritual / Luke 2:17

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Sermon Notes

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Second Day Prayer: January 2

Alongside churches throughout the city, Second dedicates one day each month to lift our voices to the Lord in prayer for 24 consecutive hours, asking God to expand and flourish His kingdom here in Memphis.

To make it especially easy to remember, Second's day of prayer is every second day of the month—making our next prayer day Sunday, January 2. Visit 2pc.org/pray to sign up for your 30-minute prayer time and mark your calendar to intercede on behalf of our city.

Caring Ministry Fund

Each December, a special collection is taken to benefit the Caring Ministry's mercy fund that provides financial assistance to those in need within our church and in our community. To give to this fund: visit 2pc.org/caring or write a check (*designate "Caring Fund" in the memo line*) and place it in an offering box at the Sanctuary exits.

The Messenger

The best way to find out what's going on at Second is to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. To subscribe, simply scroll to the orange box at the bottom of our homepage (2pc.org) and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Friday afternoons!

Sunday Worship

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Morning worship meets at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Evening worship begins at 6:00 p.m. To find out how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson via email at todd.erickson@2pc.org or by calling (901) 531-8895.

January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 9, we will hear from guest pastors and some of our own team during morning and evening worship on the themes of biblical justice, sexuality, and wholistic health. Join us these Sundays for worship as we continue to develop our Christian worldview and seek to become the church Christ has redeemed us to be.

January 9: Walter Strickland, *Associate Research Fellow, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission*

January 16: Hans Madueme, *Associate Professor of Theological Studies, Covenant College*

January 23: Robert Kim, *Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Church Planting, Covenant Theological Seminary*

January 30: Todd Erickson, *Pastoral Executive, Second Presbyterian Church*

December Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Bernice and George Flinn* by their sons George, Jr., Fred, Carl, and their families; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Susan and Claude Crawford, Elizabeth and John Holmes, and their grandchildren; *their son, Benjamin, and their parents, Madge and Charles Smith and Diantha and Carl Weber* by Vicki and Bill Weber.

Mask Policy

Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals on our church campus. Those not vaccinated (including children above age 2) are encouraged to wear masks to help protect those who cannot be or have not yet been vaccinated. Social distancing between family units continues to be recommended.

Year-end Giving Reminder

Per IRS regulations, year-end gifts not mailed to the church must be placed in the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits or delivered to the church office no later than Friday, December 31, 2021, in order to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2021 tax year.

The church office will close at 5:00 p.m., but you can give online at 2pc.org/give until midnight on December 31. Contributions mailed to the church must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by December 31, 2021, in order to qualify as a charitable gift for the 2021 tax year.

Mailed envelopes postmarked after December 31, 2021 must be reported as a 2022 gift, regardless of the date on the enclosed check.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
November	\$ 817,656	\$ 808,107	\$ (9,549)	\$ 845,918
YTD 7/1/21–11/30/21	\$ 3,239,115	\$ 3,494,148	\$ 255,033	\$ 3,381,456



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